

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-10, 13-19, and 21 are pending.

Claims 11, 12, and 20 have been canceled.

Claims 1-4, 6-10, 13-15, and 17 have been amended.

Claim 21 has been added.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A powder driven tool comprising:
a housing including a powder cartridge and piston within a barrel; and
a guide member attached to the barrel and cradling a support device, the guide member including a wall portion having a thickness greater than other portions of the guide member, the wall portion defining a cavity having an oblong perimeter to accommodate the support device.

wherein ignition of the powder cartridge causes the piston to move within the barrel and drive the support device in an axial direction, and the wall portion resists barrel climb as the support device is driven into an object.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The tool of claim 1, wherein the guide member includes a slot formed in a side of the cavity and extending in the axial direction for engaging the support device so that the support device is driven in a straight direction.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The tool of claim 2, further comprising the support device, wherein the support device comprises a removable guide clip for engaging the slot formed in the side of the cavity.

4. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1, wherein the guide member includes a gaff protruding from a distal end of the guide member.
5. (Original) The tool of claim 1, wherein the guide member and barrel are connected by at least one of threads and a screw.
6. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1, further comprising the support device, wherein the support device comprises:
a shaft having a first end and a second end;
threads disposed at the first end of the shaft for use in securing the device to a pole; and
at least one rigid support member disposed on the second end of the shaft.
7. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 6, further comprising the support device, wherein the support device comprises at least one of stainless steel and titanium.
8. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 6, the support device further comprising a removable guide clip positioned distally of the threads on the shaft.
9. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 6, wherein the rigid support member of the support device comprises a curved portion.

10. (Currently Amended) The tool of claim 1, wherein the piston is molded to conform to a shape of the support device.

11 and 12. (Canceled).

13. (Currently Amended) A guide member comprising:

an attachment portion for connecting to a barrel of a powder driven tool, the powder driven tool being for including a powder cartridge that actuates a piston within the barrel, the piston driving a support device into an object; and

a wall portion having a thickness greater than other portions of the guide member that resists barrel climb as the support device is driven into the object, the wall portion defining a cavity having an oblong perimeter to accommodate the support device.

14. (Currently Amended) The guide member of claim 13, further comprising a slot for engaging ~~the engaging~~ the support device so that the support device is driven in a straight direction.

15. (Currently Amended) A support assembly comprising:

a powder driven tool including a powder cartridge, a trigger for actuating a piston within a barrel, and a guide member attached to the barrel, the guide member defining a cavity having an oblong perimeter; and

a support device cradled in the cavity in the guide member and adapted to receive ~~received~~ force applied from the piston for driving the support device into a pole,

wherein the guide member includes a slot formed in a side of the cavity and extending in the axial direction for engaging the support device so that the support device is driven in a straight direction.

16. (Original) The support assembly of claim 15, wherein the guide member comprises a wall portion having a thickness greater than other portions of the guide member.

17. (Currently Amended) The support assembly of claim 15, wherein the guide member comprises a gaff protruding from a distal end of the guide member.

18. (Original) The support assembly of claim 15, wherein the support device comprises a curved portion.

19. (Original) The support assembly of claim 15, wherein the support device comprises a removable guide clip.

20. (Canceled).

21. (New) The tool of claim 1, wherein the guide member includes a slot formed in a side of the cavity and extending in the axial direction for engaging the support device so that the support device is driven in a straight direction, and a gaff protruding from a distal

end of the guide member for increasing the coefficient of friction between the guide member and the object into which the support device is driven,

the tool further comprising the support device, wherein the support device is comprised of at least one of stainless steel and titanium and comprises a shaft having a first end and a second end, threads disposed at the first end of the shaft for use in securing the device to a pole, at least one rigid support member disposed on the second end of the shaft and including a hook-shaped portion, and a removable guide clip positioned distally of the threads on the shaft for engaging the slot formed in the side of the cavity,

wherein the guide member and barrel are connected by a screw, and

wherein the piston is molded to conform to a shape of the support device.